

MEETING	Monday, March 30, 2015 Attles Meeting Room, 459 Broadway
TIME	5:37 PM
PRESIDING OFFICER	Mayor David P. Maher
PRESENT	Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons and Toomey
PRESENTATIONS	None
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
MOMENT OF MEDITATION	In memory of Steven Killion, employee of the Police Department for twenty-six years and the President of the Cambridge Patrolmen's Association

MAYOR ANNOUNCED THAT THE MEETING WAS BEING RECORDED WITH AUDIO AND VISUAL DEVICES.

SUBMISSION OF THE RECORD

On motion of Councillor Simmons the submission of the record for the February 20, 2015 Special City Council meeting, the February 23, 2015 reconvened meeting, the March 2, 2015 and the March 16, 2015 Regular City Council meetings were accepted on a voice vote of eight members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich McKinnon, 1 Leighton Street, spoke on Calendar Item #14. He stated that the timing and the arc of the petition coincided with the winter and noted that this has been a challenge. He stated that on behalf of Whitehead, he thanked the City Council, and stated that most of the issues of the project have been addressed.

Mary Gehring, 5 West Place, spoke on Calendar Item #14. She stated that she has been on the faculty of the Whitehead for four years. She thanked the City Council for considering this petition. She stated that they benefit from being at this institute because of the exceptional scientists. They are starting to run into the problem of not having quite enough space. She stated that in order to have the labs running well they need sufficient space for equipment and people. She offered her strong support for this petition.

Peter Reddin, 20 Mount Auburn Street, faculty member, Whitehead Institute, spoke on Calendar Item #14. He stated that Whitehead is a phenomenal space for doing research. He stated that in the past they have hired three new faculty members. They would like to hire future leaders of the institute. He stated that the research spans from stem cell research to cancer research.

He added his support for the Whitehead petition. He added that as a resident, he loves living in Cambridge.

David Pincus, 306 Western Avenue, spoke on Calendar Item #14. He stated that he is a fellow at the Whitehead Institute. He stated that this is a program that the Whitehead has pioneered. He stated that the Whitehead Institute fosters new scientists to take risks and explore. He stated that he studies how cells deal with stress. He stated his strong support for the Whitehead petition as they are currently at capacity and are limited only by the space that they do not have.

Phil Sego, 221 Norfolk Street, spoke on City Manager Agenda #13. He stated that after seven years on working on plastic bags, the City Council is about to vote on something that has been on the forefront of his mind. He stated that this ordinance will be used as a model throughout the world. He noted that he has been asked about the difference between the 3.0 and 2.25. He urged the City Council to not go backwards and to look at things that are 3.0. He stated that he also speaks on behalf of the Sierra Club.

Edward Woll, 79 Dana Street, spoke on Charter Right #3. He stated that he is speaking on behalf of City Manager Agenda #13. He stated that he took a stroll from Dana Street to Kendall Square and he found 17 plastic bags on the street and three in the trees. He stated that he later found 12 on the other side of the street with 5 being inaccessible. He stated that these are not renewable. He urged the City Council to pass the ordinance.

Colleen Clark, 21 William Street, spoke on City Manager Item #18. She stated that as a community activist she is pleased to hear the plan for the bicycle path on Pearl Street. She stated that there should be a requirement that bicyclists must wear clothing that can be seen.

Young Kim, 17 Norris Street, spoke on Calendar Item #11 and Committee Report #3. He stated that it is amazing how many plastic bags he and his wife can collect over a few months. He stated that he is speaking in favor of the ordinance to reduce the use of plastic bags. He stated the purpose of the ordinance is to encourage people to use reusable bags. He stated that incentives are the best way to get people to use reusable bags. He urged the City Council to combine an incentive along with a penalty. One mechanism is to receive a rebate of the sales receipt if you bring your own bag which could be reduced gradually over time.

Eva Martin Blythe, Executive Director, YWCA, Cambridge, which operates a homeless shelter for ten mothers and their children. The issue is that they receive funding from state legislature through the Department of Housing and Community Development and then through a contract with the city. In FY 14/15 they have not received full year of contract funding. She stated in February they were given a 21-day extension. At that time, the bill was not taken up that would allow continued funding under the Department of Housing and Community Development. She stated they frantically started to make phone calls advocating with the state legislature to take the bills up in an informal session. They did not take those bills up and on Friday late afternoon they received a 7 day extension. On the past Saturday, that 7- day extension expired and they are now operating on 3-day extension. The resolution to consider this evening is urging the members of the City Council to share with members of the House and Senate Conference Committee the Council's concern of lack of funding.

Rachel Nion, 263 Sidney Street, spoke on Policy Order #11. She thanked the City Council for their support. She invited the City Council to the send-off and noted that there will be a party on their return from El Salvador. She stated that donations are welcome to help support the community.

Gary Mello, 324 Franklin Street, stated that for the third time, there is a policy order proposing outright subsidies and special accommodation for electric vehicles. He stated that the City Manager already dismissed them for the right reasons. He stated that Policy Order #12 calls for an increase in public parking availability at the Green Street garage. He stated that the problem is the special allocation of reserved spaces for the exclusive use of city employees. He stated that the spaces are too wide and there could be an immediately 8%-12% capacity increase with a few buckets of paint. He stated that Councillor Toomey reminds the residents that street cleaning resumes this week. He stated to be aware or your car will be taken away by tow truck that is not licensed to be on the street. He stated that he addressed these items in his application to become the City's Director of Transportation. He stated that regarding a survey of liquor license in Central Square, there is no cap on this number. This makes a citywide cap seem silly.

Patrick Barrett, 234 Broadway, spoke on the application to amend the basement apartment overlay district. He stated that it is interesting that this is a magical district where basement apartments are allowed. He stated that it would be nice if the rest of the city could enjoy the same. He stated that his next door neighbor is looking to add 300 square feet in their basement and they are unable to do that without seeking additional FAR space. He stated that regarding the Green Street garage, parking is desperately needed. He stated that Salem has allowed for buildings to buy into the garage that supports it and suggested that the City Council consider this option. He invited the City Council to take part in the May 13th Central Square Clean-Up.

Ellen Sarot, 22 Hughes Street, stated that she would like to speak on Calendar Item #8. She stated that she is disabled and she has been volunteering at the Central Square Library. She loves it. At this point she has to get somebody to drive her there. She stated that two handicapped parking spots near the library is insufficient. She asked for consideration for one more handicapped parking space on Pearl Street near the library. She stated that she would like to continue going to the library. She added that she supports anything that can be done for people with aphasia.

Marilyn Wellons spoke on Committee Report #1. She stated that regarding the city's inattention and lack of policy for noise and light pollution, wherever there are labs, there is noise and light pollution. These are individual and public health hazards. She stated that there is adequate research that indicates that noise and light pollution cause adverse health effects. She asked for revisions of the noise ordinance and asked for enforcement of the same by the Inspectional Services Department. She stated that there has been no concerted effort to address this issue. She stated that it is an immediate issue because with the success of the city's policy, the issue of pollution remains unaddressed.

Hasson Rashid, 820 Massachusetts Avenue, stated that he is perplexed because there were no transcript in the attachments of the comment at the Planning Board meeting on the Foundry. He feels that this should have been attached. Public comments should be added to the record in every way. He stated that failure of policy makers to tie in an anti-homelessness poverty

strategy will be entered into the public record. He stated that any future disposal or handling of city owner property must involve the inclusion of an anti-homelessness poverty strategy. He stated that the Foundry building, Volpe and the Sullivan Courthouse sites are the answers to the prayers of many churches, synagogues, mosques, and other local houses of worship that seek to solve the housing needs of the homeless.

Heather Hoffman, 213 Hurley Street, stated that regarding the Foundry, she disagrees with Mr. Rashid's proposal but issued a challenge that he join her in demanding that Boston Properties include 15% of affordable units in the property that it is going to be building just a few blocks from the Foundry. She stated that he should check out Councillor McGovern's letter to the Planning Board. Regarding the Foundry, she believes what the City Manager and the Planning Board have said about diminution of process. These matters are not right to be dealt with as of yet. She suggested the City Council have more than one hearing and that one hearing be held closer to the Foundry building to encourage the people who live and work nearby to be heard on the matter. She renewed her call for arts at the Foundry building. She stated her hope that the City starts bringing the arts back. She stated that we need to fund shelters and the legislature should get its act together. As it relates to trucks on narrow streets, Ms. Hoffman stated that the Traffic, Parking and Transportation should be encouraged to put up No Truck signs and facing in the right direction. She stated that she hopes the new leadership takes this issue up. Regarding economics in Central Square, it is important to understand the true economics in Central Square.

James Williamson, 1000 Jackson Place, stated that several weeks ago he was walking through Jefferson Park and he saw what appeared to be a fire from the third floor. He stated that he learned that the Cambridge Fire Department (CFD) was performing exercises and no one in the community was notified. He stated that there were two subsequent instances of this. He stated that the CFD said that the Housing Authority was notified and they were told that neighbors would be notified. As it relates to the application for 59 banners for MIT on the Solve conference. The topics of this conference are learn, cure, fuel and make. He suggested that there be one additional area of concern that will be addressed which is house. He asked what MIT is doing to help come up with solutions for the housing crisis in the city. He asked where the commitment of MIT is. He stated that he would like the City Council to put a hold on this application until MIT comes forward with some commitments. As it relates to the change in the impending zoning in Central Square, he stated that before the City Council allows anyone to blow a hole in zoning, it must think about what the zoning ought to be.

Ria Ora spoke about Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance. She stated that she hates seeing empty bags everywhere. She stated her support for the ordinance. She stated that she also agrees that she cannot stand loud noises on the streets.

Emily Norton, 58 Prescott Street, Newton, expressed her support for the Plastic Bag restriction. She stated that community by community can make a difference. She encouraged the City Council to take that step. She stated that as it relates to the electric vehicle proposal, electric vehicles are the future of sustainable transportation. She stated that there are a lot of people who need to drive and these are a much more sustainable option.

CONSENT AGENDA

- # 1 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 2 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 3 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 4 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 5 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 6 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 7 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 8 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- # 9 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- #10 Placed on file
- #11 Placed on file
- #14 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- #15 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- #16 Order adopted 9 – 0 – 0.
- #17 Placed on file

NON CONSENT AGENDA

#12 Here insert Agenda #12 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley stated that he should have been clearer in what he was looking for. He was looking for something more detailed other than the PDF's. He stated that there are a lot of variances coming through and he stated that the City is not looking at the trends. He stated that if there were changes that needed to be made to the zoning then the Board of Zoning Appeal would not have to issue the variances. Mr. Rossi stated that if this report was accepted he could meet with Councillor Kelley and to discuss the format he would like the information in. Deputy City Manager Peterson explained that the records back to 2010 are not automated and the information would need to be done by hand. She stated that summary data may be helpful but it may take time to compile.

Councillor Carlone stated that about one-third of the items were redacted and he asked the reason for this. Deputy City Manager Peterson stated that the request was for variances and the items that are redacted are not variances. Due to the lack of a data base for this information the word was done in an indelicate way. He stated that the majority were in residential districts. He commented that signage is becoming a bigger issue and maybe there is a need to change the code. He stated that a variance demands a high standard and signage is questionable whether the standard is being met.

#12 Placed on file.

#13 Here insert Agenda #13 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Mazen asked about the regional and state regulations and where they may go. License Commissioner Andrea Jackson stated that the state is still looking at drafting legislation. The state has met with many stakeholders. A draft of the regulations have not been seen. Commissioner Jackson stated that with snow and the budgetary issues many things were pushed back. Mr. Rossi stated that local communities wanted to achieve common themes around insurance, inspections and background checks, etc. If the entire regional had this goal this would move this matter along and make it easier. Councillor Mazen expressed concern that between draft and implementation he hoped that the City Council would have input.

#13 Placed on file.

#18 Here insert Agenda #18 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Mazen stated that many are pleased that their parking will not be affected. He believed that there are many benefits without removing parking and can be accomplished by looking at 3-4 streets at a time. He wanted a solution that preserves parking and supplements the existing bike infrastructure. Deputy City Manager stated that there is time and opportunity to look at options for the design. The bike network in Cambridgeport can be discussed as well as the concerned issues raised. She stated that there is time with the construction projected for completion at the end of 2016.

Councillor Toomey commented on the statement in the memo that the City proposes to reconstruct Pearl Street without making changes to the parking regulations at this time. At this time Councillor Toomey moved for suspension of the rules in order to dispense with the regular order of business to bring forward Calendar # Eight. The question now came on suspension of the rules – and on a voice vote the rules were – Suspended.

(HERE INSERT ORIGINAL CALENDAR # 8 READ BY MAYOR MAHER)

Councillor Toomey stated that the intent of this Policy Order is that no parking spaces be removed from Pearl Street during the reconstruction. This is what he wants to vote on this evening.

Councillor Mazen asked if he was correct that his win solution would be amenable if the parking were on adjacent streets so that it does not go against the spirit of this order. Councillor Toomey stated that the order is clear and is talking about Pearl Street, not adjacent streets. Councillor Mazen stated that he hopes to vote for Councillor Toomey's order, not lose parking and still have bike transit.

Councillor Cheung commended the City Manager for working with residents to accommodate cars and bikes. He noted that neither side want a bike lane that is replacing parked cars during the day. He stated that there was a previous Policy Order passed unanimously requesting the City Manager to continue with conversation with the residents about the design of the street after the initial push back. Now there is additional push back. He stated that when we are voting on a street design that may be years away the City Council is circumventing the will of the people and the experts that were paid to do this work. This is a bad precedent and undercuts the work of the staff.

Councillor Kelley commented that the whole discussion about bike lanes is broken. Biking is not only dangerous; it is deadly, he stated. He stated that he did not think that this bike lane is a way to make biking safer. This issue needs to be discussed in a much better way. He is willing to keep the bike lane option open, not because he thinks it is a good idea, so that the City can practice how to discuss this issue. This needs to be discussed in a more effective way than is being done presently. He made note of the North Mass. Avenue project and the median strip which was not going to be touched and a big portion was removed at Russell Street without notice. He expressed his concern about miscommunication on the Pearl Street reconstruction project. He stated that there needs to be a mechanism so ensure that there are no surprises as this discussion moves forward. He stated that he would not support Councillor Toomey's Order.

Vice Mayor Benzan agreed that the City needs to practice communication with each other around these issues. He read from an e-mail he received on the reconstruction of Pearl Street that stated that the reconstruction did not mean any improvements to MBTA efficiencies and no

improvements for biking or walking. Acting Assistant City Manager for Community Development Iram Farooq stated that there are pedestrian improvements proposed and incorporated as part of Pearl Street reconstruction. There will be new crosswalks at Auburn, Chestnut and at Henry Streets. There will be raised intersections at Erie and Chestnut Streets with curb extensions to make it easier to cross the street. She stated that the discussion has been about the bike infrastructure. It is true that if there are no lane markings this will not improve biking on this street. This has been in the bike planning process and Pearl Street was identified as a bike priority street, but due to the concerns there is more conversation needed before any decision can be made on this. This needs to be more of a data driven analysis. She stated that what is proposed is that the construction happens with no lane markings at this time. No decision will be made until there is data gathered about parking utilization, vehicular speeds, bike safety and bus movement on the street. This discussion will occur once the street construction has been completed. Ideas will be tested before being implemented.

Vice Mayor Benzan asked how many bike accidents have occurred on Pearl Street in the last five years. Ms. Farooq did not have the data available, but would provide it. Vice Mayor Benzan stated his concerns. He wanted to ensure that people living in the area are included in the discussions and the decisions made. He also wanted to understand the connectivity of all the bike lanes and paths across the City. He explained that the reason that he was opposed to the dedicated bike lane on Pearl Street. He wanted the City to focus its resources on the Grand Junction Path rather than a bike lane on Pearl Street.

Councillor Simmons noted that the City does not have a comprehensive biking plan. If funding is being spent on capital improvements to streets bike improvements should be included. She expressed concern for a cycle track on Pearl Street. She stated that there is no comprehensive planning around the connectivity of bike lanes. Specifically to Pearl Street she is concerned with the location of the cycle track. She stated that there are commercial entities that have a hard time getting a loading zone and with a cycle track she does not know how these establishments can receive services. She spoke of the housing that will be complete on Sidney Street which has a domino effect with more people and cars. She supported Councillor Toomey's order for not now. Installing a cycle track on Pearl Street will not make the street safer. She commented on the track on Hampshire Street. People ride inside and outside of the track. She stated that from a motorist's perspective it is the worse driving experience because cyclists are not staying in their lane. She would welcome a more robust conversation about bike lanes across the City.

City Manager Rossi suggested this be a Roundtable topic. He stated that the City does have a good bicycle plan that has been worked on for years.

Councillor Carlone suggested that a Transportation and Public Utilities meeting could be held instead of a Roundtable. He stated that he knows that there is an overall strategy, but it is done in pieces. He stated that the Bicycle Committee is frustrated that the lanes are not connected. He noted that putting the bike lane between the curb and parked cars makes it more defined and safer. He stated that the construction should work itself out in discussions such as this.

Councillor Toomey commented that he will never be convinced that data will support removing 125 parking spaces. He stated that the majority of the bike accidents have occurred at Massachusetts Avenue and Pearl Street, which is not being addressed and no improvements have been planned for Massachusetts Avenue and Pearl Street. He believes that there were

four bike accidents at this location. He is perplexed that the City talks about data, but does not have the data. He asked if Hampshire Street should be looked at for bike safety before Pearl Street. He felt that this matter is not be approached the correct way. He requested that Mass. Avenue and Pearl Street be revisited. He stated that he would rather see the money spent on the Grand Junction connection than on the cycle track. This is where the focus should be and it is safer. He wanted to let the public know how the City would be proceeding on this. He stated he would like to see more education so that the cyclists know the rules of safety. He wanted all pedestrians, cyclists and motorist to respect and watch out for one another.

Councillor Mazen wanted to understand the intent of the network. He would love for there to be conversations on a regular basis between pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. He spoke of the need for culture, marketing and enforcement elements and everyone operating safely together. He stated that Cambridge is not all the way there yet to bicycle and pedestrian safety and car sharing. He stated that he could not vote for Councillor Toomey's Policy Order. All things need to be kept on the table with the strong bias for keeping parking spaces. He wanted more from the network rather than taking anything away.

Councillor McGovern stated that from Western Avenue to Vassar Street, a distance of six blocks, there are bike lanes on four of these streets. He stated that he could support Councillor Toomey's Policy Order because this is not necessary. He does not know why five out of six streets need bike lanes. The routes are already established for cyclists. The decision about this is split down the middle. He does not feel it is necessary to create tension in the neighborhood about the parking. He stated that Farr Academy on the corner of Auburn and Pearl Streets has a drop off and pick up twice a day and there is not enough room for the vans who are transporting the students and the elimination of parking will only be a nightmare.

Councillor Cheung explained that the City Council is not voting for a plan. He noted that Community Development Department stated that they are working on the plan. He stated that the City Council is voting to stop the discussion. The City Council is telling the Community Development Department to not work on the Complete Streets plan. He stated that if more discussion is needed on this it would make sense to refer the matter to the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee. He stated that the Community Development Department has proposed something new and have hit a pebble in the road.

Councillor Kelley stated that having traffic enforcement data readily available to the public is appropriate for the discussion. He stated that at some point there will be a discussion about how much space is given to cyclists and to cars and this needs to be supported with good data. He hopes that the City can figure out how to get there as this project moves forward.

City Manager Rossi commented that the terminology "bike track" has been used. A bike track is what is found on Western Avenue. On Pearl Street the plan is to reconstruct the street and sidewalk and then if the decision was made to have temporary bike lanes this would be painted lines. There would not be an influx of capital wasted if the project failed. He stated that a bike track was never proposed. This would have a stripped bike lane if it ever happened.

Councillor Mazen stated that if there was a bias for parking this already exists. The decision will lean on the side of parking. If Councillor Toomey's order is voted on then a discussion shut down on planning for a bike path and if voted against the order it means to proceed as is with a

bias to protect parking and building up a bike network. He wanted to at least look at putting the bike track on an adjoining street.

Councillor Toomey moved to amend the original order by striking out the last paragraph which reads as follows:

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Community Development Department to abandon the "Complete Street" plan for Pearl Street.

Councillor McGovern stated that this is a complicated issue and there are bike lanes on a four of streets in that neighborhood. He stated that the concern of Councillor Toomey about the City Manager's report is the wording "at this time." This leaves the door open for taking away parking. He suggested removing the wording "at this time" this does not remove the parking and does not abandon the whole conversation.

Mayor Maher noted that it is not up to the City Council to correct a memo from the City Manager to the City Council. He stated that he would support the motion made by Councillor Toomey. He stated that previously there was uproar in the community about the removal of two parking spaces from Lawrence Street to install Hubway stations. He stated that this plan is ill conceived. No one is opposed to making biking safer and better, but this plan was not well thought out. This has divided the neighborhood. The City Council should send the message that they do not support the plan and back the neighborhood.

Vice Mayor Benzan moved the question. Mayor Maher stated that Councillor Toomey's amendment to remove the last paragraph was before the body. The question now came on the amendment - and on a voice vote the amendment -

Carried.

Councillor Cheung restated his amendment which was to refer Agenda # 18 and Calendar # 8 as amended to the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee.

Councillor Toomey requested a roll call on the motion to refer and roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley and Mazen	- 5
NAYS:	Councillors McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher - 4	
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the motion to refer -

Carried.

Councillor Toomey filed reconsideration on this matter.

#19 Here insert Agenda #19 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Mazen stated that he was clear to see a model of governance and use, in particular the breakdown for footage use for

profit and other community uses. He felt he could not participate positively in this process until these requests have been ascertained. He stated that if the breakdown will be 80/20 for public and profit use - great. Not knowing this and leaving it up to be decided later and not putting constraints on operations. The assurances are needed now.

Deputy City Manager Peterson stated that this is a discussion for the City Council. She stated that the City is recommending to the advisory and stewardship committee that there be an advisory committee that included seven members. Once the lease is entered into with the CRA the advertisement for this committee would commence.

Tom Evans, Executive Director, CRA, stated that the CRA evaluated a number of scenarios that included everything from 10,000 square feet to mixtures above this. What looked to be profitable and sustainable for a CRA entity? He stated that the building will evolve overtime and the initial upfront investment might require one split and one stronger community uses. He stated that square footage is not the measure of mixture and it may be time or programmatic overlap between uses. The CRA would be interested in the mission of building being overlapping whether it was a public or nonprofit use. Space in the building may be used by all entities. He stated that the CRA wanted to look toward the developers, nonprofits, creative community to ask what the best way is to have all of this happen in a synergic manner in this building.

Councillor Mazen stated that he recognized the need for flexible overlapping space, but for clarity he considered any space where the majority of a time use is for profit. He wanted a cap on the for profit space. Without a cap there are no assurances that this space will be used as a community space first as the City Council has intended. Without limiting the economic and financial solutions and flexibility there needs to be a cap.

Councillor Carlone stated that if a range of goals is not set you never get there. He stated that the City Council is suggesting what is the goal and to tell the developers what is the goal and to respond to the goal. He noted that many wanted the City to own this building to have it devoted 100% to STEAM related programs. He asked how the City Council stays involved in this process. He felt that this is a complete sign off of the process. He wanted to insure that the City is committed to owning the building, the CRA and the City are committed to the money. This is a big public investment. The public wants to know where this is going. It could be a range.

Councillor Kelley asked Mr. Rossi that if the City Council approved this tonight it is simply saying that within the next six weeks the City Council would have to hold a public hearing to discuss the diminution of the process. At this hearing the City and the CRA could provide whatever specific language would be required to formalize the future uses of the Foundry. He stated that the discretion as to the makeup would have to be provided to the CRA.

Deputy City Manager Peterson stated that following the ordinance the City Council is required to hold a hearing within six weeks of the Planning Board Report and the City Manager's recommendations. This is the next step.

Councillor Cheung stated that he is excited that this taking the legal process to get this rolling. He stated that the nonprofit and the community use the City Council wants as much as possible. He stated that the City Council should not be asking the question that you are starting the

process to ask. The scope of programmatic use has not begun yet. This process helps to decide the uses and the ranges.

Deputy City Manager Peterson reinforced that the City has been working for a long time with the City Council and the community on setting a vision and objectives for the building that are robust and there is a need to have faith in the process. We are all committed to have an innovative community based space and this needs to be financially sustainable and a vibrant space. She stated at this point at least 20% of the space will be dedicated to community use. She stated that all hope that it will be higher than 20% of 10,000 square feet. She believes it will be higher than 10,000 square feet. She stated that the process developed with the CRA will be a robust process. There is a request for qualifications process and a competition of ideas. This process is more than what the City would be able to do on its own due to the constraints under the public procurement laws. When the CRA selects a development entity this needs to be approved by the City Manager.

Councillor Cheung noted that the Deputy City Manager stated that it has been heard that the City Council wants as much as possible for the space. This building will provide a lot of great good to the community. He is eager to get this started. This is creating something that is fundamentally new. A leap of faith is needed for this process.

Councillor McGovern wanted to know what the percentages for the use are. He noted that the wisest action that the City Council has taken is to keep this building for as much community use as possible. He was hopeful that the financial aspect will be creative to meet the goals of 80% for profit and 20% for the community. He stated that the City Council expects more than 10,000 square feet.

Vice Mayor Benzan spoke about how important it is to have as much of the Foundry building dedicated to community purpose. The City Council intends this building to be a bridge to the innovation economy and to revitalize the arts community. He understands that there are financial constraints. He stated that the City has been impacted by the commercial growth in the City. This is our way of giving back to the community. He hopes that this investment can be made. He suggested finding people in the community to help with the investment if it is not financially feasible for the City. He stated that there will be federal and state money for STEAM programs and this building positions the City for this funding.

Councillor Toomey supported moving this forward. He stated that what he is hearing is that people are frustrated that the process is going so slow. There will be ample time for continued public input which is important. The City Manager will appoint an advisory committee which will have community representation. He noted that the building was given to the City six years ago. People want action.

Councillor Mazen wanted more than the 10,000 square feet dedicated to community space. He wanted to revisit the options in a concrete way in the next discussion and define the total maximum threshold for profit use based on the numbers and what the ideal case would be.

#19 Referred to Calendar Item # 12.

POLICY ORDER FOUR

Councillor Simmons made a motion for suspension of the rules in order to dispense with the regular order of business to bring forward Policy Order # 4.

The question now came on suspension of the rules and on a voice vote the rules were -
Suspended.

Here insert Original Policy Order # 4 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Simmons stated that she wanted to bring this forward for the benefit of those who run the homeless shelters across the Commonwealth. The City Council received letters from the director of the YWCA asking for intervention by support the order and contact the Massachusetts State delegation to support this funding. This is timely because the funding is being approved weeks at time. Councillor Toomey gave an update on the state. He stated that the House and Senate have different versions. He stated that today the Senate added several hundred million dollars to the funding to a bill before both branches. He stated \$51 million was proposed for the emergency housing program. There is an informal session tomorrow and he is optimistic that they will agree on the emergency assistance funding to get this on the Governor's desk. It is a priority to get this resolved as soon as possible.

Councillor McGovern stated that this is very unsettled for those living in the shelters as well as for the nonprofits running the shelters. He stated that if the state does not extend the contract can the City intercede and provide financial help to the shelters in Cambridge.

Councillor Simmons moved to amend by substitution - and on a motion to amend by substitution the motion -
Carried.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended which reads as follows:
(HERE COPY AMENDED ORDER # 4)
The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

CALENDAR

WHITEHEAD INSTITUTE

Vice Mayor Benzan moved Calendar Item # 14 and moved to incorporate Communication # 5, the same being a letter to the City Council from the Whitehead Institute.

Here insert Calendar Item # 14 read by Mayor Maher.

Here insert Communication # 5 read by Mayor Maher. Mayor Maher made a motion to refer Communication # 5 to the petition - and on a voice vote the motion -
Carried.

Councillor Mazen stated that there was a requested to additional information from the proponent on the ground floor frontage and he wanted this conversation to continue after passage.

Councillor Toomey now moved ordination of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinances together with the letter of agreement incorporated, which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT ORDINANCE # 1365)

The question now came on ordination including the letter of agreement from Whitehead and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Kelley, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 9
NAYS:	None	- 0
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the proposed amendment was -

Passed to be ordained with the letter of agreement incorporated.

BRING YOUR OWN BAG ORDINANCE

Councillor Carlone moved to bring Calendar Item # 11 forward. Here insert Calendar # 11 read by Mayor Maher.

Councillor Carlone moved to bring forward Committee Report # 3. Here insert Committee Report # 3 read by Mayor Maher.

Councillor Carlone stated that this subject has been discussed for many years. Councillor Carlone made a motion to amend by substituting Attachment Z which strike out the plastic bag ordinance in its entirety and substitutes in place thereof a new text based on the Ordinance Committee hearing held regarding Committee Report # 3.
(HERE INSERT ATTACHMENT Z)

The question now came on the amendment by substitution and on a voice vote the motion to amend by substitution -
Carried.

Councillor Cheung stated that he would support the adoption of the ordinance. This was a good process that the City Council should try to follow.

Councillor McGovern stated that Cambridge started discussing this first, but watch as other communities such as Newton and Brookline pass an ordinance. He stated at the Ordinance Committee hearing not all of the amendments passed. He hopes that this is passed as recommended by the Ordinance Committee.

Councillor Toomey stated that he cannot support the proposal before the City Council. He is an advocate for a state wide ban on plastic bags. He has asked the City to have a drop off for plastic bags. He brings his plastic bags to the recycling center on Hampshire Street. He stated that people shop at Star Market, which is in Somerville. They will be getting plastic bags at the

grocery store and bringing them back to Cambridge. He expressed his concern for seniors or low income families being charged for bags. He supports the goal of reducing plastic bags but is not comfortable with some the amendments. This needs more time. This could financially impact small corner stores.

Vice Mayor Benzan stated that he was still uncomfortable with the amendment regarding reusable bags being 3.0 mils versus 2.5 mils. This is an additional cost passed on to the retailers.

Councillor Mazen favored the 3.0 mils. He stated that 3.0 is generally found to be reusable. He stated that in America 100 billion bags are used yearly. Cambridge uses 32,000 which represents that everyone uses one plastic bag a day. These bags will never biodegrade. He stated that we have a plastic bag addition; it is a cultural issue. It will be easy to move to using reusable bags. This is important.

Councillor Carlone stated that the goal of the ordinance is as the name applies "Bring Your Own Bag." The 3.0 mils can be reused. He stated that Texas has a 4.0 mil requirement for the same purpose. The goal is to get people off of plastic bags or to use a reusable bag.

Councillor McGovern voted in favor of 3.0 mils. He stated that he is concerned with senior citizens and low income residents and he has requested that reusable bags be purchased by the City.

Mayor Maher stated that he has mixed feelings about this ordinance. He supports the goal to reduce plastic bags. It is a good thing for the environment. He does not think that this is the right way to do this. He stated that a lot of pressure and responsibility is being placed on consumers and small businesses. He will vote for this; it is the right thing to do. He agreed with Councillor Toomey that this should be a state wide ban. He expressed his concern with the fee of \$.10 per bag. He moved to amend the proposal to strike out the 3.0 mils and substitute in place 2.5 mils. No action was taken on this amendment at this time.

Councillor Simmons stated that the smoking ban started in Cambridge and slowly it became a state wide ban. She favored the 3.0 mils. The City does not know how well it will work until it is tested. She hopes it is not a burden for seniors. Reusable bags are distributed in many venues. If it is a burden this could be revisited. She wanted to go forward.

Councillor Simmons moved the question.

Mayor Maher now moved his amendment to strike out 3.0 mils and insert 2.5 mils - and on a voice vote the amendment -

Failed.

The question now came on passage to be ordained as amended by substitution, which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT ORDINANCE #1366)

On this question the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 8
NAYS:	Councillor Toomey	- 1
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the proposed amendment was -

Passed to be ordained as amended by substitution.

Committee Report # 3 was accepted and placed on file.

In connection with this matter Councillor McGovern submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE COPY AMENDED ORDER # 16 AMENDED IN COMMITTEE)

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor McGovern moved Calendar Item # 5. Here insert Calendar Item # 5 read by Mayor Maher, which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT ORIGINAL CALENDAR ORDER # 5)

Councillor McGovern stated that more people are working out of their homes. This is asking the Community Development Department to look at how this can be made easier.

Councillor Kelley explained that the City has a consultant looking at the table of uses. He stated that he wanted the City Council involved in this process. He moved to amend the aforementioned order by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph which reads as follows:

ORDERED: That the City manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on the status of the Table of Use work.

The question now came on the amendment - and on a voice vote the amendment - Carried.

The question now came on adoption of the order as amended, which reads as follows:

(HERE COPY AMENDED CALENDAR ORDER # 5)

The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Councillor McGovern now moved Calendar Item # 6. Here insert Calendar Item # 6 read by Mayor Maher, which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT CALENDAR ITEM # 6)

Councillor McGovern stated that this was filed because it was heard that the community was brought in too late in the planning process. He stated that the Planning Board Rules require developers to come to the Planning Board with a finished design. There was no requirement for the Planning Board to meet with the community. The community did not know of the plan and had no input into the process. This order was to change the rules and require developers to meet with the community prior to going to the Planning Board. He stated that the Planning Board has made these changes to their rules and are requiring developers to meet with the community.

This matter was -

Placed on file.

Councillor Toomey moved Calendar Item # 1. Here insert Calendar Item # 1 read by Mayor Maher, which reads as follows:

(HERE COPY ORDER FOR CALENDAR # 1)

Councillor Toomey moved that this matter be -
Referred to Calendar Item # 12.

Councillor Toomey moved Calendar Item # 2. Here insert Calendar Item # 2 read by Mayor Maher.

The matter was -

Placed on file.

Councillor Toomey moved Calendar Item # 3. Here insert Calendar Item # 3 read by Mayor Maher, which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR CALENDAR # 3)

This matter was -

Placed on file.

Councillor Toomey moved Calendar Item # 4. Here insert Calendar Item # 4 read by Mayor Maher, which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT COMMITTEE REPORT)

This matter was -

Placed on file.

Councillor Toomey moved Calendar Item # 9. Here insert Calendar Item # 9 read by Mayor Maher, which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR CALENDAR # 9)

This matter was -

Placed on file.

Councillor Toomey moved adoption of Calendar # 13. Here insert Calendar Item # 13 read by Mayor Maher, which reads as follows:

(HERE INSERT ORDER FOR CALENDAR ITEM #13)

The order was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Councillor Simmons moved the Applications and Petitions as follows:

- # 1 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- # 2 Order adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- # 3 Referred to the Ordinance Committee and the Planning Board for hearing and report.
- # 4 Referred to the City Manager with power.
- # 5 Surety approved.

CONSENT COMMUNICATIONS

Councillor Simmons moved the Consent Communications as follows:

#1-12 Referred to the petition.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Simmons moved Consent Resolutions for discussion, adoption and upon adoption that they be made unanimously sponsored.

All consent resolutions were adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

BOSTON NATIONAL POETRY MONTH FESTIVAL

Councillor Simmons moved suspension of the rules to dispense with the regular order of business to bring forward Resolution # 21 and to allow two individuals to address the City Council for the amount of time allowed in Public Comment.

She stated that she advised the two individuals that the meeting was at City Hall and they missed Public Comment.

The question now came on suspension of the rules and on a voice vote the rules were - Suspended.

Harris Gardner, Co-Founder of the Boston National Poetry Month Festival. This festival this year is April 9-12, 2015. He mentioned the schedule of events for the festival. It is open to the public and takes place at Fisher College, Boston and the Boston Public Library in Copley Square.

Kurt Efferton, 15 School Street Somerville, stated that he wanted to thank the local businesses who took out advertisements in our program. He outlined some of the poets that would be participating in the festival.

Mayor Maher moved the adoption of Resolution #21 which reads as follows:
(HERE COPY RESOLUTION # 21)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

24 Here insert Resolution # 24 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Toomey stated that Wednesday is the first day for street cleaning. He informed the City Council that Mr. McKinnon has offered East Cambridge residents free overnight parking at the Galleria Mall Tuesday and Wednesday night. He stated that temporary one way street pattern in East Cambridge will revert back to the regular traffic pattern.

Mayor Maher moved adoption of the Resolution # 24 which reads as follows:
(HERE COPY RESOLUTION # 24)

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

CONSENT POLICY ORDERS

- # 5 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- # 9 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- #11 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
- #12 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1 Here insert Committee Report # 1 read by Mayor Maher, which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT COMMITTEE REPORT # 1)

The report was -

Accepted and placed on file.

In connection with this matter Councillor Mazen submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER #14)

The order was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Vice Mayor Benzan submitted the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE INSERT POLICY ORDER # 15)

The order was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

2 Here insert Committee Report # 2 read by Mayor Maher, which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT COMMITTEE REPORT # 2)

The report was -

Accepted and placed on file.

NON CONSENT POLICY ORDERS

1 Here insert Policy Order # 1 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Cheung stated that the City Council has supported the idea of divestment for the City and the universities in the City. He stated that the City is limited by statute as to what it can do. He explained that there is an ongoing movement at Harvard by the students and now Lesley is moving in this direction. He wanted to recognize the student's efforts and applaud them.

Councillor Mazen commented that there are other investments that provide a better return. He asked how a cultural change can be effected. He wanted to know how this type of divestment is made real from a City Council perspective.

Councillor Cheung stated that there are a limited number of options and the City has to support the students in the universities that are trying to effect change. He was thinking about having a committee hearing on divestment later in the term, but it is based on timing.

Councillor Mazen stated that he would be willing to co-chair a hearing. He has been supportive of MIT students and if pressure could be increased by a hearing he was for it.

The question now came on adoption of Policy Order # 1 which reads as follows:
(HERE COPY POLICY ORDER # 1)

1 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

2 Here insert Policy Order # 2 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley stated that these streets are not on the "No Truck" list. He moved that the City Manager request the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to apply for these streets to be exempt from truck traffic. It is difficult to get these exemptions.

The question now came on adoption of Policy Order # 2, which reads as follows:
(HERE COPY POLICY ORDER # 2)

2 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

3 Here insert Policy Order # 3 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley moved to refer this to the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee and to expand the discussion to include electric vehicles in general whether a scooter, bicycle and electric post office vehicles.

Councillor Toomey expressed his concern about electric cars parking for free. He hoped that this would be part of the discussion and that the maker of the motion refine the Policy Order. He stated that he has an issue with parking free at a meter all day when you can afford to pay \$70,000 for an electric car.

Councillor McGovern stated that these are things that are done in other communities. He stated that the price of the electric cars is coming down. He spoke about the City replacing its fleet.

3 Referred to the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee on motion of Councillor Kelley.

6 Here insert Original Policy Order # 6 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Mazen asked if there institutions or individuals who are requesting licenses that the City Council should discuss before passing this motion.

Vice Mayor Benzan stated that he has been approached by several entrepreneurs seeking to apply for liquor licenses who had questions. He stated that the first clarification is whether there is a cap in certain areas. He is hoping to get information about the caps. If there is a cap he wanted to know what it would take to raise the cap to allow more small businesses to apply for a liquor license. He stated that many small restaurants have been hit hard because of the winter weather and having a liquor license could mean the difference between staying open or closing doors.

Councillor Mazen asked if there is a sense of how many more are needed. Vice Mayor Benzan stated that this is a basic inquiry.

Councillor Carlone commented that he did not know why the City as a whole would not be looked at rather than Central Square. This inquiry is worthy of the commercial districts. Vice Mayor Benzan moved to amend the Policy Order by adding at the end thereof the words "and other parts of the City."

Councillor Cheung supported the motion. He stated that there was conversation about the fees that were charged for the liquor licenses. He stated that the Best Restaurant Awards given by Boston Magazine are for restaurants that are located in Cambridge. Cambridge has been more flexible when working with the restaurateurs.

Mayor Maher moved the motion as amended which read as follows:
(HERE COPY AMENDED ORDER NUMBER SIX)

The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

7 Here insert Original Policy Order # 7 ready by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley stated that this is not something that the City Manager should be asked to work on.

Councillor Mazen stated that there was an e-mail received from Patrick Barrett about his ongoing efforts to organize a cleanup. He moved to amend the aforementioned order by adding at the end thereof the words "or aid in the coordination of the efforts and publish the efforts on the City website."

Councillor McGovern stated that there was support campaign to help neighborhoods keep their neighborhood clean. There is information on the Department of Public Works website moving in this direction with coordination.

Councillor Carlone stated that many communities have ordinances that require storefront owners to sweep so many times. This would be good to remind store owners of this.

Vice Mayor Benzan stated that we had an extreme winter and a lot of sand was used to keep the sidewalks from being slippery. The City is dirty. This is an attempt to take a closer look to work together as a community, City and business associations to clean up.

Mayor Maher moved adoption of the Policy Order as amended which reads as follows:
(HERE INSERT AMENDED POLICY ORDER # 7)

The order was -

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Councillor Toomey was recorded in the negative.

8 Here insert Policy Order # 8 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley stated that this is not a City Manager issue; it is a state issue. He stated that there are research assistants that can get this information.

Vice Mayor Benzan stated that the Kendall Square Business Association expressed concern about the delay and the impact to the businesses. This is an effort to support the businesses in Kendall Square and get some information.

Councillor Kelley stated that it should not be the City Manager's job to gather this information.

Councillor Carlone stated that there either bi-monthly or monthly meetings that Cambridge is a part of. He stated that Kelly Brown from MIT is a leader on this committee and he may be the connection for the Kendall Square businesses.

The order was -

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Councillor Kelley was recorded in the negative.

#10 Here insert Policy Order #10 read by Mayor Maher. Councillor Kelley stated that he knew that there were issues with beekeeping but was not aware of steps to create a beekeeping ordinance. He wanted to know what steps have been taken thus far.

Councillor Carlone stated that this was the purpose of the Policy Order.

Councillor McGovern stated that the City does not have a beekeeping ordinance and is not working on one. He stated that he has met with beekeepers, community members who have concerns about beekeepers and the state. He has the Boston and Somerville ordinances. There was an issue in Cambridgeport with beekeeping there. The Board of Zoning Appeal had not guidance from the City on what to do about this. There is support for beekeeping but it must be done safely. There was concern that the bees at the Cambridgeport location were not been properly taken care of.

Councillor Kelley stated that this is premature. He moved to table the Policy Order.

#10 Tabled on a voice vote of eight members.
Councillor Toomey was recorded in the negative.

LATE RESOLUTIONS

29-33 Resolutions were adopted on an affirmative vote of nine members and were made unanimously sponsored.

LATE POLICY ORDER

A motion for suspension of the rules to introduce late Policy Order and the roll was called and resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Vice Mayor Benzan, Councillors Carlone, Cheung, Mazen, McGovern, Simmons, Toomey and Mayor Maher	- 8
NAYS:	Councillor Kelley	- 1
ABSENT:	None	- 0

and the rules were -
Suspended.

The following order was now considered, the question being on adoption, to wit:
(HERE COPY POLICY ORDER # 13)

The order was -
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councillor Simmons the meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

A list of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting:

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